

Erin, please see below.

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TALKING POINTS

ALBUS BROOKS

DENVER CITY COUNCILMAN

Time: 3-4 minutes.

Intro: One-minute introduction will include name, title and very brief bio.

Info: “Applause” is noted in talking points – this is where we would like to hit applause for purposes of video edit and event pacing.

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Thank you and welcome to your new Church of Scientology. I was excited to hear you were moving into this historic building, just blocks from my district. It’s a magnificent building and you’ve done great work with it, so congratulations. **Applause**

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I started working with youth development because I believe every child should have the opportunity to fulfill their dream.

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I then started in politics because I saw one too many kids grow up without being given opportunities and without a training ground where they could learn real tools for life.

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Education is at the core of all your humanitarian initiatives, your literacy and tutoring programs. Your programs are impressive, and the fact that they are universal demonstrates their value to the community. **Applause**

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As an elected official—while setting policy for our City is critical, it can only set the playing field and rules, the rest is up to the players and how well they work as a team.

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I played safety at CU Boulder, and I can personally speak to the importance of teamwork, and working together for a common goal. Whether on or off the field, a team must work together if it is to succeed.

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We live in the most diverse, yet disconnected community in Denver. The more we can connect our diverse communities, the stronger our city will be.

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Every step we take together toward creating opportunities and mentoring youth, we are building a new generation of leadership.

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That's where you all come in. Leaders within churches and faith-based organizations are absolutely vital because they are connected to the community and established within the practices of their own faith.

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I can see that the Church of Scientology is active in their response to the changing social landscape, and I look forward to seeing how they will work together with other community assets to tackle challenging social problems together.

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I've seen a lot of groups. I've seen a lot of organizations. There's plenty of talk out there, but you are one of those groups doing the work. **Applause**

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We need more of it. Having your new church move into this district is a great asset.

CLOSING LINE:

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I want to make Denver known as the Mile-High City for the fact anyone can reach their goals no matter how high. I know you are all about target attainment and reaching high goals. This new church is testament to that, and I know there is so much more that will grow from here.

You came to the right place, Welcome to the neighborhood.